

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa,
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Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation Paul Stephen Andrew Samek and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Although his early career was in teaching law both in the United States and here at Osgoode Hall Law School, his reputation and his pre-eminence in the profession is founded on his formidable skills as an advocate.

Like all great advocates he has the unique ability to isolate the central issue in a case, to assess its legal foundation and then through a profound mastery of the English language, to present it in a clear, cogent and comprehensible manner.

Elected a bencher of the Law Society in 1987 he applied his talents to the governance of the profession serving on numerous committees of Convocation and in 1993 was elected Treasurer by his peers.

As a legal educator, as a bencher and later treasurer of the Law Society and as a leader at the bar, he has served the profession and returned to it in no small measure the benefits it has bestowed on him and he is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.